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BAN ON USE OF HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the study by Nistads on Hazardous Chemicals etc. in NISTADS news Vol.3 No.1 April 2001 by two senior scientists;

(b) if so, the highlights and new findings which are not readily available in several other reports the manner in which this data is going to be utilized by the Government in view of special outlays incurred on the study;

(c) whether a list of alternative chemicals compiled which might be used in place of these harmful chemicals has been prepared in different categories;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the policies of different countries regarding management of these chemicals and how are these different from those followed in India and China;

(f) whether list of manufacturers of these chemicals in the country has also been compiled and updated over the earlier CPCB/CIB list; (g) if so, the details thereof; (h) whether there is any of the chemicals in our list which are banned in other countries; and (i) if so, list thereof for public information, including details of safe handling compiled by the scientists including the one on mosquito repellants in use in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) to (i) The Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India assigned the preparation of a `State of Art Report on Chemicals and Products whose Production, and Import/Export have been banned by other countries but continue to be produced and used in India` to the National Institute of Science, Technology and Development Studies (NISTADS), New Delhi. Following were the Terms of Reference (TOR) of the study:

1. To develop an inventory of chemicals and products (both industrial and agricultural) whose production and trade (import/export) have been banned by other countries but continue to be manufactured and used in India.

2. To develop an inventory of alternatives to chemicals banned abroad but continue to be manufactured and used in India.

3. To suggest ways and means like additional levy or other disincentives on chemicals which are banned in other countries but continue to be manufactured and used in India.

4. Chemical Safety Policies followed by other Asian Countries (China, Korea etc.) and Europe & USA.

5. Location and ownership of units manufacturing chemicals and products banned/restricted abroad.

NISTADS has submitted the draft final report to the Ministry of Environment & Forests on 23rd July, 2001.